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Glubb Pasha has recently informed this office that according to reports here, [redacted] proposes to hold a World Islamic Congress (or something of the kind) in Mecca on the occasion of this year's pilgrimage, which will be in the middle of October. The reports say that the guest of honor at the congress will be the ex-lufti, Haj Amin el HUSSEINI and that motions will be carried rejecting the union of Palestine and Jordan. An alternative suggestion is that the meeting will elect King FAHOUK to rule Palestine and that possibly King Farouk will appoint the lufti as his Viceroy.

Efforts to obtain confirmation of these reports locally have failed and it may be that they are spurious. However, they are transmitted to the Department as of possible interest.

It is known that Glubb Pasha has written a similar note to the British Legation, but until recently that Legation had not submitted the information to the British Foreign Office.

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